CRISIS OF EXHAUSTION ARISING FOR TEUTONS

Anxiety Shifts From Entente Powers to Their Adversaries, Who Are Obliged to Meet Combined Offensive on Every Front.

situation for the Associated Press at the close of the war's second year.

At the same time the enign

ries thought it would be imposcome. We are proud to say that this was accomplished, even while our valiant soldiers were resisting the German invasion. Thanks to the patriotism of the country and the abneration shown by all classes in France and England; thanks also to the campaign in both countries for more cannon and more annumition, industrial action was everywhere multiplied and General Johne was able to say in an order of the day to the army at Verdun. We have munitions in abundance.

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and are pushing forward in the region

EXPRESSIONS OFFAINED

hes, man for man, able to heat the bia Greece's ally, and forced fremier Germans in the offensive, other things Venizelos to resign.

The allies, heavily engaged in the being equal, but the munitions and ar-tillery of the opposing forces were not yet equal. The transformation of field faction as the war progressed multi-

PARIS, July 29 - The second year of new enterprises that drew on their the war ends with anxiety, shifting from the group of the entente powers to that of our adversaries who are now obliged to meet a general combined offensive on every front," said Marquis de dieing the number of reserves on the bank to Kut-el-Amara, besieging him there. In Persia the gendarmerie revolted against the government, creating fresh embarrassments for the Russians. In the Baikans, after the companion front, and if it did not modify main front, and if it did not modify Chambrun, a member of the Foreign than front, and if it did not modify the Affairs Committee of the Chamber of the chamber of the planes then give the chamber of the planes then give the chamber of the elaboration of new plans difficult and

At the same time the enigmatic situa-Greece refusing the compensation ofpreparations become more complete, a crisis of exhaustion is fast arising for the Austrians and Germans. Our adultion of the Balkan states. The situaunion of the Balkan states. The situadifficulties that had to be over-We are proud to say that this

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"The industrial efforts of the allies a factor in the European war, besides to work harm in a piratical form, but it will not open ports nor further the commercial aims and needs of the central empires, now effectively blockaded, for of the central powers, Dyinsk held months of heavy wastage, the central powers of munition production and ecomplishing the occupation of Kermanshah and, in the military ylew here, virtually eliminating Turkey as a factor in the European war, besides re-establishing the prestize of the nities in Persia. Instead of a reservoir of the central empires, now effectively blockaded, for of the central powers, Dyinsk held months of heavy wastage, the central out, and winter was upon Field Mar-shal von Hindenburg's armies with the campaign unfinished Even had

The closer one examines the situa-tion the more manifest becomes the an-tionated ascendancy of the allies, invisit of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener to France, the series of conferences that was finally to co-ordinate their in February

Their diplomatic action, however, did not as yet reflect the same unity of purpose. No parallel result was obsained either at Athens or Soia in new citiations regarding territory in Maonia offered to Bulgaria, and there of the long and unsuccessful effort to eared to be a divergence of views take Dvinsk had weakened Von Hin not even now ap. Negotiations were still in progress e of the war as when Turkey ceded the Dedeaghach-ophical standpoint. Musinpha Pasha Railroad, with part of ople, to Bulgaria, foreshadowing Monnwhile, the Germans and Aus-grams, after crossing the Vistula and Bulgaria.

ig Russian Poland, transported the Save and the Danube for offensive against Serbia, which

OF DECISIVE RESULT in the Champagne and itory and made impor-in prisoners and mater-

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crete-armored lines. This transforma-condition, or the additional burden of tion thus increased the superiority of a campaign in the Balkans. The Darbelligerents who had the initial addanceles expedition had accomplished vantage in preparation, forcing their no appreciable result, and the need adversaries to a greater expenditure of of saving Serbia was more urgent than

munitions than their industries were the opening of the straits.

As yet able to produce, while they them solves were able to shower the Russian lines with the biggest of shells.

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SECOND CRISIS FOR ALLIES

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forced Russian army provided with new cannon, abundant supplies of pro-jectiles and sufficient power to plow

Of far greater significance was

powers found at Constantinople only an additional drain upon their

sources. The Russian advance not only

meant the recall of Turkish divisions that were expected to help the Ger-

mans, Austrians and Bulgarians against

Armenia. Vet Trebizond fell after Erzerum; Mush was occupied, and the

failed to break the cordon of steel, and

up German field defenses.

the armies of the Central Powers formed a junction with the Bulgarians and opened the route to Constantinople.

a limited length of front that the on-rush would be irresistible. They chose Verdun because the position of the an-clent fortress was such that the de-fenders had their backs to the River Meuse on two sides, and because suc-cess there would give the greatest are CONTINUE TO DEVELOP New difficulties continued to develop for the allies, however. In Mesopotamia the Turks stopped the advance of General Townshead's forces within cess there would give the greatest pos- Garmans for twenty months, and each twenty miles of Bagdad and drove him back to Kut-el-Amara, besieging him there. In Persia the gendarmerie resible prestige with and the maximum comfort to their own people. It was also possible they people. It was also possible they knew what subsequent political events in France disclosed—that the defenses of Verdun were not, in view of the the defenses of this way was restricted in the defense of the respective positions of the respective position cupation of a considerable portion of Albania, the Austrians invaded Montenegro, and before the end of January all the Balkan peninsula, with the exception of Greece, Roumania and a little corner of Albania was in the hands of the group of Central Empires.

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Of Verdun were not, in view of the tions of the respective positions of the respective positions of the contending forces, it is believed, the time to their successes that the Germans hoped to break through the front there and destroy the French is another and a far more difficult maties. It was imperative that success be rapid, according to this view, and when, after three days, the advantage that time had gained for the allies began to tell. That marked the limit of their suc-esses. The advantage that time had vance was checked in the region of ained for the allies began to tell. Douaumont the project had failed the project had failed. General Ivanoff, commanding the Rus-General Petain, as an official citation sian armles in Volhynia and Bessara-bia, continued their offensive in Jan-lish a delicate situation." There was no longer hope of breaking through the Itself unimportant, the significance of

Every yard of ground gained by the Germans before Verdun since February 24 has been at an extremely heav sanguinary cost. The continuing of so expensive and fruitless an operation has puzzled the critics. It has been with the object of exhausting the Nicholas, forcing the fall of Erzerum, accomplishing the occupation of Kermanshah and, in the military view end was in view, the successes of the as allies in the battle of the S it was not attained.

the intention of interfering with the offensive plans of the allies, in newise diminished the chances of carrying them out, whatever the fate of the dissignificance apart from the prestige of the name than any other point along the front. Local success there has long been discounted, and, in military opi ion can have no vital effect, while the attempting of a wastage process by the central powers at this stage of the war is held to be illusory and certainly enormously costly. The central em pires have no longer reserves in such numbers that they can afford to launch them against the allies in the mere hope of inflicting more damage than they suffer.

that had threatened HEROIC DEFENSE NOTABLE

DEVELOPMENT OF WAR The heroic defense of Verdun, on the It held German reserves there in It prevented the re-enforcement of the Austrians, suffering from the loss of prisoners, with perhaps as many in Russian front. The Austrians, left to casualties, to the armies under General the maintenance of a large force before Saloniki was required to hold prolong during five months a vast Serbia and prevent the invasion of daily expenditure of projectiles that It obliged the Germans to reserves of munitions that in In this embarrassment, as the French of the Somme they were able to real ardently desiring peace, and urgently trotortion of only ore shot for three

the German people, depressed as they were by prolonged privations, looked to the French front and decided upon the adventure of Verdun.

GERMANS CHOOSE VERDUN

FOR THEIR GREAT EFFORT

The German plan seems originally to have been to concentrate artillery, munitions and men in such force over a limited length of front that the on-

stions or the resistance of the bel-erents, even when apparently doomed defeat. What is clear is that the anticipated ascendancy of the allies arising from their unrestricted re-mures, appears to have been realized.

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